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SUBJ: W/W REPPAS

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1. CONOFF VISITED REPPAS NOV 20. REPPAS' LAWYER RAVONY HAD SEEN CLIENT NOV 16. RAVONY HAD BEEN EXTREMELY PESSIMISTIC, REPPAS STATED. ACCORDING TO RAVONY, PROCUREUR GENERAL IS ATTEMPTING TO ADVANCE HIS CAREER AND IS ESPECIALLY KEET TO SEE BOTH REPPAS AND BACOPOULOS RECEIVE FIVE TO SEVEN YEAR SENTENCES. (EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS MAXIMUM SENTENCE FOR REPPAS WOULD ONLY BE FIVE YEARS BUT BACOPOULOS SUBJECT TO POSSIBLE SEVEN YEAR SENTENCE DUE APPARENT PREVIOUS CONVICTION.) EVEN IF A MINIMUM EIGHTEEN MONTH SENTENCE WAS GIVEN REPPAS, UNLIKE U.S. SYSTEM PROCUREUR COULD APPEAL FOR LONGER SENTENCES. RAVONY HIMSELF WILL APPEAL ANY SENTENCE LONGER THAN EIGHTEEN MONTHS BUT FEELS CHANCES OF SUCCESS ARE SLIM. GOMR HAS MADE CONSIDERABLE POLITICAL CAPITAL BY TRIAL AND WOULD NOT WANT TO DIMINISH THIS WITH LIGHT SENTENCES,. VARONY REPORTEDLY SAID.

2. REPPAS APPEARED IN FAIRLY GOOD SPIRITS DESPITE PREDICTIONS OF GLOOMY FUTURE. IS ESPECIALLY EAGER TO HEAR VERDICT NOV 23 WHATEVER IT MAY BE. CONSOFF WILL ATTEND COURT SESSION TO HEAR VERDICT.

3. REPPAS ASKED THAT DEPT CONTACT BRAD JIFFERIES TO INQUIRE IF INSTRUCTIONS SENT REFTTEL HAVE BEEN CARRIED OUT.

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